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Motor Vehicle Use Map

Kootenai National Forest

Rexford and Fortine Ranger District

PURPOSE AND CONTENTS OF THIS MAP

The designations shown on this motor vehicle use map (MVUM) were made by the responsible official pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51, are effective as of the date on the front cover of this MVUM, and will remain in effect until superseded by next year's MVUM.

For Broughton

Forest Supervisor, Kootenai National Forest

It is the responsibility of the user to acquire the current MVUM. This MVUM shows the National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and the areas on National Forest System lands in the REXFORD RANGER DISTRICT that are designated for motor vehicle use pursuant to 36 CFR 212.51. This MVUM also identifies the vehicle classes allowed on each route and in each area, and any seasonal restrictions that apply on those routes and in those areas.

Designation of a road, trail, or area for motor vehicle use by a particular class of vehicle under 36 CFR 212.51 should not be interpreted as encouraging or inviting use or implying that the road, trail, or area is possible, actively maintained, or safe for travel. Motor vehicle designations include parking along designated routes and at facilities associated with designated routes when it is safe to do so and when not causing damage to National Forest System resources. Seasonal weather conditions and natural events may render designated roads and trails impassable for extended periods. Designated areas may contain dangerous or impassable terrain. Many designated roads and trails may be passable only by high-clearance vehicles or four-wheel-drive vehicles. Maintenance of designated roads and trails will depend on available resources, and many may receive little maintenance.

This motor vehicle use map identifies those roads, trails, and areas designated for the motor vehicle use under 36 CFR 212.51 for the purpose of enforcing the prohibition at 36 CFR 261.13. This is a limited purpose. The other public roads are shown for information and navigation purposes only and are not subject to designation under the Forest Service travel management regulation.

These designations apply only to National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and areas on National Forest System lands.

INFORMATION SOURCES

For various reasons access conditions may change during the year. To assure you have the most current information, please contact the Rexford Ranger District.

Rexford Ranger District
Eureka Ranger Station
949 Highway 93
Eureka, MT 59917
406-296-2536

Other Information Sources:

Forest Supervisor's Office
31374 US Highway 2
Libby, MT 59923-3022
Phone: 406-293-6211
www.fs.usda.gov/kootenai/

Fortine Ranger District
Murphy Lake Ranger Station
12797 Highway 93
Fortine, MT 59918
Phone: 406-682-4451

Three Rivers Ranger District
Troy Ranger Station
12558 US Highway 2
Troy, MT 59935
Phone: 406-295-4693

Libby Ranger District
Canoe Gulch Ranger Station
12557 Highway 37
Libby, MT 59923
Phone: 406-293-7773

Cabinet Ranger District
Cabinet Ranger Station
2693 Highway 200
Trout Creek, MT 59874
Phone: 406-827-3533

LEGEND

— Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles

— Trails Open to All Vehicles

— Seasonal Designation (See Table)

• Dispersed Camping Both Sides

• Dispersed Camping Left Side

• Dispersed Camping Right Side

— Highways, U.S. State

— Other Public Roads

— Short Route Identifier

70333

Areas Open to Cross-Country Travel

FS Campground

Picnic Area

Motorized Trailhead

Peaks

Forest or Unit Boundary

National Forest System Lands

Non-National Forest System Lands within the National Forest

Political Boundary

Township and Range Lines

Section Lines

Lakes and Rivers

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EXPLANATION OF LEGEND ITEMS

Roads Open to Highway Legal Vehicles Only:

These roads are open only to motor vehicles licensed under State law for general operation on all public roads within the state.

Trails Open to All Vehicles:

These trails are open to all motor vehicles, including both highway legal and nonhighway legal vehicles.

Seasonal Designation:

This symbol, used in conjunction with one of the other road or trail symbols, indicates that the road or trail is open only during certain portions of the year. Refer to Seasonal and Special Designation Table for further instructions.

Dispersed Camping

Dispersed Camping Both Sides

Dispersed Camping Left Side

Dispersed Camping Right Side

This symbol is used along with a designated road or trail to indicate limited cross-country motor vehicle use within a specific distance of that route, solely for the purpose of dispersed camping.

This dot indicates where this activity is permitted. They may be on the left, right, or both sides of the route.

Other Public Roads and Trails:

— Highways, U.S., State

— Other Public Roads

These symbols are used to show routes the Forest Service does not have jurisdiction over and has not designated for motorized use. These symbols are part of the reference layers showing connections to towns and cities outside the forest boundary.

Short Route Identifier:

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This symbol is used for roads that are too short to show a symbol type on the map. The symbol contains the number of the road or trail. Users should refer to the corresponding number in the Short Route Table for designation information.

Motorized Trail Access:

This symbol indicates a trailhead for access to a motorized route. Not all motorized routes have trailheads and those that do may range from primitive to developed.

Areas Open to Cross Country Travel:

These are areas on National Forest System land that allow cross-country travel by motorized vehicles. Specific vehicle classes and seasonal designations may be indicated in the Seasonal and Special Designation Table.

BLANKET STATEMENT FOR TRAVEL MANAGEMENT

DISPERSED CAMPING

Campsite selection must be completed by non-motorized means, and then accessed by the most direct route (no more than 300 feet) without causing resource damage. (CFR 261.15)

Cutting, damaging or harming (such as driving over) trees or vegetation is not allowed to access dispersed camping spots. (CFR 261.15)

Moving, going around, going over, or going past barriers on roads (i.e., gates, rocks, berms, signs, etc.) is not allowed. (CFRs 261.12)

In all developed recreation sites, such as Developed campgrounds, picnic sites, trailheads, boat launches, etc., motor vehicles access is restricted to designated roads and parking sites only. Access off these roads is not allowed to access dispersed campsites. (CFR 261.16)

Motor vehicles may be parked within one vehicle length from the edge of the road surface when it is safe to do so without causing damage to NFS resources of facilities, unless prohibited by state law, a traffic sign, or an order (36 CFR 261.54).

CAMPGROUNDS

All roads within Rexford Bench, Tobacco River, Camp 32, Peck Gulch and Rocky Gorge campgrounds are open to highway legal vehicles from 1/1 - 12/31.

VICINITY MAP

OPERATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

Operating a motor vehicle on National Forest System roads, National Forest System trails, and in areas on National Forest System lands carries a greater responsibility than operating that vehicle in a city or other developed setting. Not only must you know and follow all applicable traffic laws, you need to show concern for the environment as well as other forest users. The misuse of motor vehicles can lead to the temporary or permanent closure of any designated road, trail, or area. As a motor vehicle operator, you are also subject to State traffic law, including State requirements for licensing, registration, and operation of the vehicle in question.

Motor vehicle use, especially off-highway vehicle use, involves inherent risks that may cause property damage, serious injury, and possibly death to participants. Drive cautiously and anticipate rough surfaces and features, such as snow, mud, vegetation, and water crossings common to remote driving conditions. By your participation, you voluntarily assume full responsibility for these damages, risks, and dangers. Take care at all times to protect yourself and those under your responsibility.

Much of the KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST is remote. Medical assistance may not be readily available. Cellular telephones do not work in many areas of the KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST. Take adequate food, water, first-aid supplies, and other equipment appropriate for the conditions and expected weather.

ALWAYS REMEMBER TO RESPECT PRIVATE LAND! PROTECT YOUR PRIVILEGE. STAY ON DESIGNATED ROADS AND TRAILS AND IN DESIGNATED AREAS.

Read and understand this map in its entirety. If you have questions, please contact the KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST for clarification.

As a motor vehicle operator on a National Forest System road, trail, or area you must comply with this map, as well as all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations. Compliance with these rules is your responsibility.

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